

**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
(BY INVENTOR(S) OR ASSIGNEE)**

(complete A or B)

**A. ☒ DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR(S)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is described and claimed in letters patent number 5,577,767, granted on November 26, 1996, and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent on the invention entitled HOUSING

**ASSEMBLY FOR AN AIR BAG AND VEHICLE HORN SWITCH**

the specification of which

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).
- ☐ I hereby declare that there is no assignee for this application.

NOTE: "Where no assignee exists, applicant should affirmatively state that fact. If the file record is silent as to the existence of an assignee, it will be presumed that no assignee exists." M.P.E.P., 6th ed., rev. 1, § 1410.01.

**B. ☐ DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE**

NOTE: The assignee of the entire interest may make the declaration, if the reissue application does not seek to enlarge the scope of the claims of the original patent. 37 C.F.R. § 1.172

(type or print name of declarant) \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company or legal entity on whose behalf declarant is authorized to sign

Declare that I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ and resident of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, that the entire title to letter patent number \_\_\_\_\_

for \_\_\_\_\_

granted on \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventor(s)

Is vested in \_\_\_\_\_

that I believe said named inventor(s) to be an original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed*) or an original, first and part inventor (*if plural names are listed*) of the subject matter that is described and claimed in the aforesaid letters patent and in the foregoing specification and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

☒ In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

**NOTE:** A "claim" for the benefit of an earlier filing date in a foreign country under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)—(d) must be made in a reissue application even though such a claim was made in the application on which the original was granted. However, no additional certified copy of the foreign application is necessary. M.P.E.P., 6th ed., rev. 1, § 1417.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

(complete C or D)

C. ☒ No such applications have been filed.

D. ☐ Such applications have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**

Country	Application No.	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority claimed <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION**

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**BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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**STATEMENT OF INOPERATIVENESS  
OR INVALIDITY OF ORIGINAL PATENT**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)

That I verily believe the original patent to be

- ☒ partly  
☐ wholly

inoperative or invalid by reason of (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(1)):

(check all items that may apply)

- ☐ a defective specification  
☐ a defective drawing  
☐ the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent.

NOTE: At least one error must be relied upon as the basis for the reissue. 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(1).

That the error listed above, which are being corrected, up to the time of the filing of this reissue declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(2)).

NOTE: For any error corrected not covered by this declaration applicant must submit, before allowance, a supplemental declaration stating that every such error arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1).

- ☐ Corroborating affidavits or declarations of others accompany this declaration.

I, **HIROSHI NEMOTO**, hereby declare that I believe U.S. Patent No. 5,577,767 to be partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than I had a right to claim in the patent.

Each claim of the patent is limited by the recitation of an "inner cover." That limitation is not necessary to distinguish my invention patentably from the prior art. The patent thus claims less than I had a right to claim. Accordingly, the "inner cover" limitations in the patent claims are errors being relied upon as the basis for reissue.

All errors being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 arose without deceptive intention on my part.

New claims 11-23 are presented in the present reissue application. New claim 11 is a rewritten version of patent claim 1 and does not recite an inner cover. New claims 12-15 similarly correspond to patent claims 2-5.

New claim 16 is a rewritten version of patent claim 6 and does not recite an inner cover. New claims 17 and 18 similarly correspond to patent claims 7 and 8.

New claim 19 is a rewritten version of patent claim 9 and does not recite an inner cover. New claim 20 similarly corresponds to patent claim 10.

New claims 21-23 are added to define the invention more fully.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 11-20 correct the errors described above. It is further submitted that each of new claims 11-23 is allowable over the prior art. Allowance of the present reissue application is respectfully requested.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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(check the following item, if applicable)

- ☐ I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.
- ☐ Attached, as part of this declaration and power of attorney, is the authorization of the above-named practitioner(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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# DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

## Signature(s)



### BY THE INVENTOR(S)

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### BY ASSIGNEE OR PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF ASSIGNEE

NOTE: Even though inventor(s) do not sign, complete above information for inventor(s).

(complete the following, if applicable)

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Address of Assignee

Title of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee



Assignment recorded in PTO on

Reel

Frame



A separate ☐ "ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) COVER SHEET"  
or ☐ FORM PTO 1595 is submitted herewith along with the  
assignment

**STATEMENT BY ASSIGNEE**

- ☐ Attached is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)," establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this reissue.

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*Signature of assignee or person authorized to  
Sign on behalf of assignee*

(check proper box(es) for any added page(s) forming a part of this declaration)

- ☐ Signature for third and subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or incapacitated inventor. Number of pages added. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47. Number of pages added. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Statement of inoperativeness or invalidity of original patent. 37 C.F.R. § 1.175. Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.
- ☐ Corroborating statements of others.